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REGION 7**

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The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
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The Honorable Roy Blunt  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable William Lacy Clay  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Ann Wagner  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter of July 17, 2014, to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7, about our work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. I want to assure you, we understand your concerns about the pace of work at West Lake and take the responsibility of ensuring the health and safety of this community very seriously.

The draft schedule the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Potentially Responsible Parties developed indicates a period of 17 months (from the time the alignment decision is final) to prepare, review and approve the Installation Barrier design plans, concurrent with additional field work with Ground Cone Penetrometer Testing/coring to collect the remaining geotechnical and radiological data needed for the design. The time to construct is not defined but would likely be six months or more.

The EPA's first Interagency Agreement is with USACE, not with "FUSRAP." Under this IAA, the EPA has used USACE to:

- Evaluate the IB pros and cons, potential alignments, schedules, and technologies to construct the barrier;
- Assist the EPA at Community Advisory Group meetings and in preparing responses to CAG questions;
- Assist the EPA in reviewing the draft and revised Isolation Barrier Pre-Construction workplans;
- Brief EPA senior leadership on the technical evaluation of the isolation barrier alignments; and
- In the future, they will assist the EPA with review of the design documents for the IB and field oversight of barrier construction.



The EPA and USACE are entering into a second IAG (**may be done by the time this letter goes out, should check**) under which USACE will provide independent technical reviews of the deliverables the PRPs generate under the Supplemental Supplemental Feasibility Study workplans. These workplans were scoped to address the National Remedy Review Board comments from our “early consultation” on the Supplemental Feasibility Study. **The timing for the second IAG is.....??**

Again, thank you for your letter. The EPA remains committed to ensuring the health and safety of the West Lake community.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me at 913-551-7006, or your staff may call LaTonya Sanders, Congressional Liaison, at 913-551-7555.

Sincerely,

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